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In re Application of:

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In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, the period for response to which extends through October 9, 2003, without extensions, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request the reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks and allowance of pending claims 8-10, 15-17, and 36. In addition, to comply with the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

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